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SUBJECT: RAKAH CONGRESS OPENS IN HAIFA

- 1. THE RAKAH (NEW COMMUNIST LIST) IS HOLDING ITS 18TH PARTY CONGRESS DECEMBER 15-17 IN HAIFA. AMONG THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES ATTENDING ARE COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS FROM THE U.S.S.R., MONGOLIA, EAST AND WEST GERMANY, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CUBA, BYELORUSSIA, CHILE, CYPRUS, FRANCE, BRITAIN, GREECE AND THE U.S. THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS HEADED BY ALEXANDER AKSYNOV, A MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
- 2. AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, THE PRESENCE OF A SOVIET DELEGATION BROUGHT OUT RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT ORGANIZATIONS IN MASS DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING THE TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS, SHOUTING "FASCISTS GO HOME", AND DEMANDING RELEASE OF "JEWISH PRISONERS OF ZION". HOWEVER, RIOT UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICE KEPT THE DEMONSTRATORS UNDER CONTROL AND NO INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

3. BEFORE SOME 480 DELEGATES AND GUESTS PARTY ORGAIZING SECRETARY TEWFIK TOUBI, THE "RED" MAYOR OF NAZARETH AND AN ARAB POET, OPENED THE CONGRESS WITH A WELCOMING ADDRESS

IN HEBREW FOLLOWING THE ISRAELI ANTHEM AND THE INTERNATIONALE.

4. IN SPEECHES AND BANNERS RAKAH RE-EMPHASIZED ITS POSITIONS: RETURN TO THE 1967 BORDERS; ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE; RETURN OF EAST JERUSALEM TO ARAB CONTROL, BUT WITH FULL FREEDOM OF CIRCULATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST JERUSALEM; END OF U.S. ARMS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL; AND A JOINT ARAB-JEWISH STRUGGLE TO END THE OCCUPATION AND TO RESTORE PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND WORKING PEOPLES' RIGHTS. THE CONGRESS IS TO LAUNCH AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR THE VOTE OF ISRAEL'S ARABS DURING THE COMING KNESSET ELECTION. INDICATIONS NOW ARE THAT RAKAH WILL BE ABLE TO ATTRACT A STEADILY GROWING MAJORITY OF THE ARAB ELECTORATE. BUT THAT ITS APPEAL AMONG JEWISH VOTERS WILL REMAIN MINIMAL. TOON

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